

**NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE**

**VIRGINIA**

**OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS**

**LIVESTOCK SHELTER STRUCTURE**

**CODE 576**

Land Owner/Operator \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_ SWCD \_\_\_\_\_ Farm/Tract No. \_\_\_\_\_

Prepared By \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE ITEMS**

A properly operated and maintained livestock shelter structure is an asset to the farm. The livestock shelter structure was designed and installed to shelter livestock from negative environmental factors. Estimated life span of the installation is at least 10 years. The life of the structure can be assured and usually increased by developing and carrying out a systematic operation and maintenance program.

Your operation and maintenance program requirements include:

- Inspect the structure at least annually, and especially after major storm events.
- Maintain the structural and fabric components through the practice lifespan. Fabric or other non-structural components may need to be replaced because of deterioration due to environmental conditions.
- Repair and/or replace maintenance coatings on structural steel components as necessary.
- Periodically tighten the shade cloth to minimize wind damage.
- Move portable structures periodically to prevent destruction of vegetation in the immediate area. If structures are not moved frequently, collect and remove accumulated animal waste on a regular basis or specified time interval and utilize in accordance with Virginia Conservation Practice Standard *Waste Recycling (Code 633)* or *Nutrient Management (Code 590)*.

Additional Operation and Maintenance Requirements Specific to this Plan: \_\_\_\_\_

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